

# *Harrisonburg-Rockingham Local Human Rights Committee*

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**April 16, 2012**

**Members Present:** Page Shield, Gayl Brunk, Cindy Ring, Virginia Luong, and William Quarles

**Others Present:** Chuck Collins (HR Advocate), Mary Ellen Chewning (The Arc), Crystal Kwolek and Brittany Dean (C.J. Designs), John Humphreys (Fair Haven Residential Services), Christy Collins (CC & Associates), Kathy Nelson (HRCSB), Heather N. Corbin (Pleasant View, Inc.), Andree Gitchell, Kathy Well and Natalie Rinaca (RMH).

### **CALL TO ORDER/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Those in attendance made introductions.

### **MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes from January 9, 2012 meeting as mailed was made by Cindy Ring, seconded by Virginia Luong and unanimously approved by the Committee.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comments.

### **ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTS**

**Fair Haven Residential Services** – John Humphries provided the Annual Report. FHRS provides group home placements for congregate residential support services to adult individuals with intellectual and other disabilities. FHRS is currently licensed for and serves 8 individuals: 5 female and 3 males. FHRS staff completes a Human Rights training prior to independent implementation of services and yearly thereafter. Twelve Incidents were reported: 11 for 2011 and 1 thus far for 2012. Eleven of these incidents were medication errors and 1 was a peer to peer. All 12 incidents were handled and resolved at the informal level.

**RMH** reported a computer issue related to their Annual Report and agreed to present their report in July.

**CJ Design** reported they were unaware of the change in reporting schedule and was not prepared to report today. They will report in July as well. HRCSB and CC and Associates will move their reporting time from July to the October Meeting.

### **REVIEW of AFFILIATE QUARTERLY REPORTS**

Committee Members report the Affiliate Quarterly Reports are meeting their expectations.

### **ADVOCATE REPORT**

Chuck Collins reported on the State's efforts to comply with the Department of Justice's mandate to have individuals served within their communities rather than within the setting of a training facility. Chuck reported that by 2020: 4 out of the 5 now existing Training Centers would close. Chuck reported on the efforts being made on the state level to find appropriate community placements and the challenges this presents. Chuck reported on the Cross System's mapping taking place in Augusta County. This led to a discussion of the steps this region has taken in Cross Mapping efforts.

### **OTHER BUSINESS /AFFILIATE COMMENTS**

Some Affiliate expressed concerns regarding the increased regulatory oversight and documentation requirements that have occurred in recent years. In particular, regulations that have possible monetary payback implications that have the smaller private providers questioning if they will be able to continue to operate.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 16, 2012 at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Lucy F. Simms Board Conference Room. The Lucy F. Simms Building is located at 620 Simms Avenue Harrisonburg, VA 22802**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ring  
HRLHRC Secretary

Kathy Nelson  
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary